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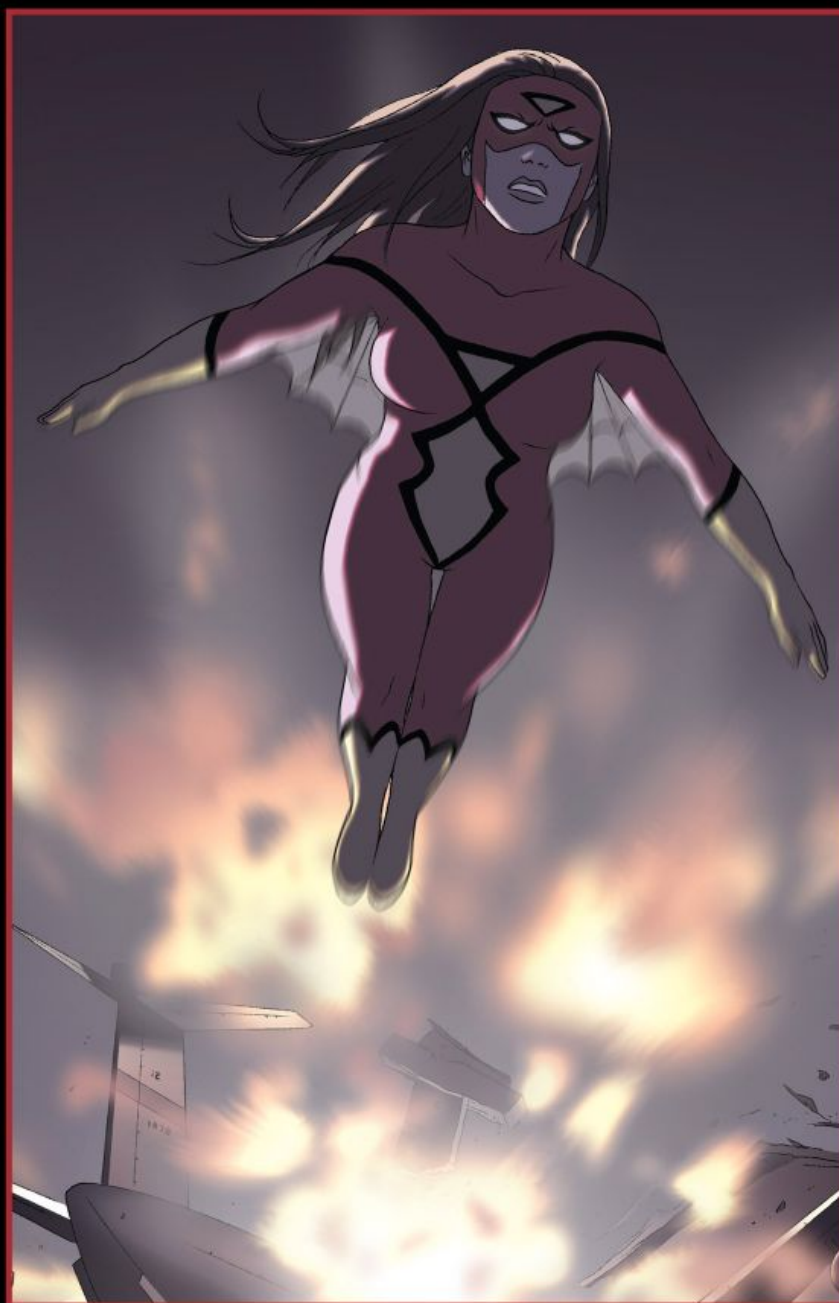
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## ORIGIN



British research scientists Jonathan and Merriam Drew were working on top secret government genetic experiments when a lab accident damaged the chromosomes of their unborn daughter Jessica!

As Jessica grew, her father experimented on her, using her as a guinea pig, studying the fallout of her prenatal lab accident. When Merriam tried to stop her husband's experiments, the scene turned very violent and young Jessica defended her mother, lashing out at her father with fantastic powers she didn't even know she had. After attacking her father, Jessica blacked out.

Ten years later, Jessica awoke from a coma and found herself in the care of the terrorist organization known as Hydra. Trained in advanced martial arts and filled with hatred for anyone who would stand in Hydra's way, Jessica was molded into the perfect weapon.

When Jessica learned the truth about Hydra, S.H.I.E.L.D.'s director Nick Fury reached out to her, offering her the chance to "work for the good guys."

Jessica declined, saying that she wanted to make something of her life and honor the memory of her parents.

That's when Nick Fury told Jessica that her parents were still alive...

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WHERE??!!!

WHERE ARE  
MY PARENTS?  
YOU LYING  
@#\$%^&!!!





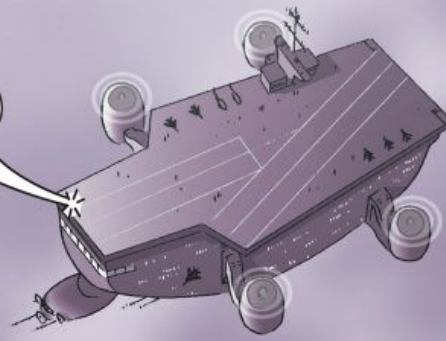






30,000 FEET ABOVE CALIFORNIA

YOU'RE  
KEEPING THE  
COSTUME?



THIS IS  
ME.  
WHAT  
IF I TOLD YOU  
IT WAS AGAINST  
REGULATIONS?



OH MAN,  
I'LL GO BREAK  
IT TO CAPTAIN  
AMERICA.



MOVING  
ON.  
THIS IS  
WHAT WE  
HAVE.



THE DREW  
FAMILY.

JESSICA,  
YOUR FAMILY  
IS REALLY  
SOMETHING.

THEY ALL  
BUT DROPPED  
OFF OUR  
RADAR.



BUT THIS IS  
WHAT WE NOW  
KNOW...







YOUR MOM AND DAD WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS SHORTLY AFTER THEY LEFT WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN.

NO DIVORCE PAPERS WERE FILED, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH OF ANYTHING.

YOUR DADDY HAD HYDRA PAYCHECKS COMING TO HIM UNDER A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ALIASES.

WHICH ANSWERS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT YOUR DAD WAS A WILLING PARTICIPANT IN THE HYDRA TERRORIST CAUSE.

SORRY. LOOKS LIKE HE WAS.

HE WENT HOME TO LONDON AND KEPT WORKING WITH HYDRA IN A LIMITED CAPACITY. FORMULA DECODING, ANALYSIS...

WE EVENTUALLY LOST TRACK OF HIM SINCE HE WASN'T PRODUCING ANYTHING THAT MEANT MUCH TO US AND WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOU.



BUT MOMMY DREW, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, HAD SET ASIDE A NICE LITTLE NEST EGG FOR HERSELF, AND WHEN THE WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN EXPERIMENTS FELL APART, WHEN HER MARRIAGE FELL APART...

...SHE CASHED OUT AND SHE WENT UNDERGROUND.

SHE DISAPPEARED AND STAYED THAT WAY.

UNTIL TWO DAYS AGO.



YOU KNOW WHERE MY MOTHER IS?



I TOLD YOU WE'D HELP EACH OTHER. WE MADE IT A PRIORITY.

SHE'S IN NEW YORK CITY, RENTING A ROOM UNDER BRUMBACK, HER MAIDEN NAME.

NOT THE MOST CLEVER ALIAS, BUT THERE SHE IS...

IF YOU WANT US TO SEND A SCOUT TO REPORT BACK WHAT'S WHAT--

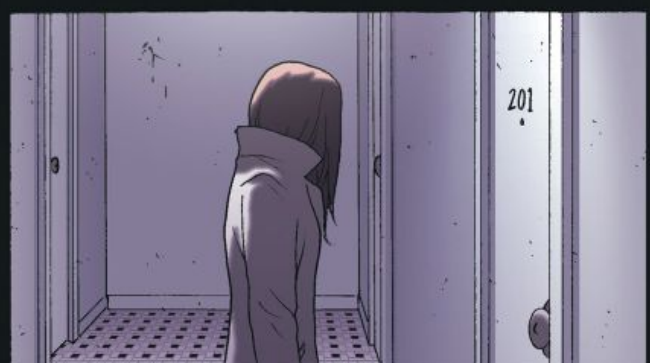


NO. NO, I'LL GO.

OK, OK.

BUT KEEP IN MIND...













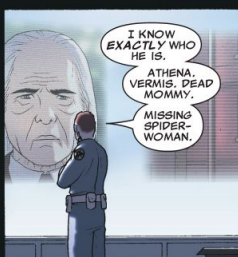
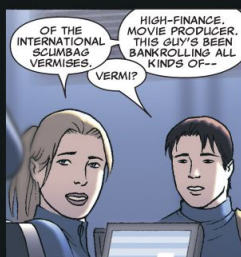
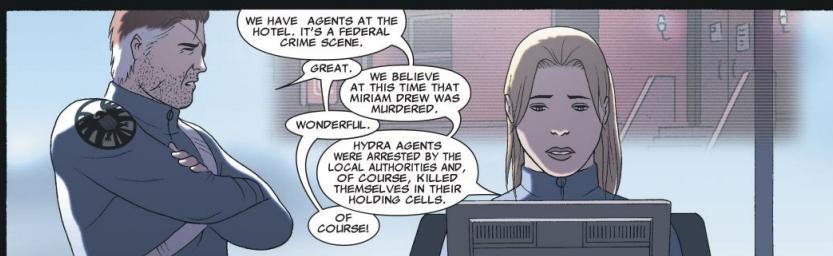
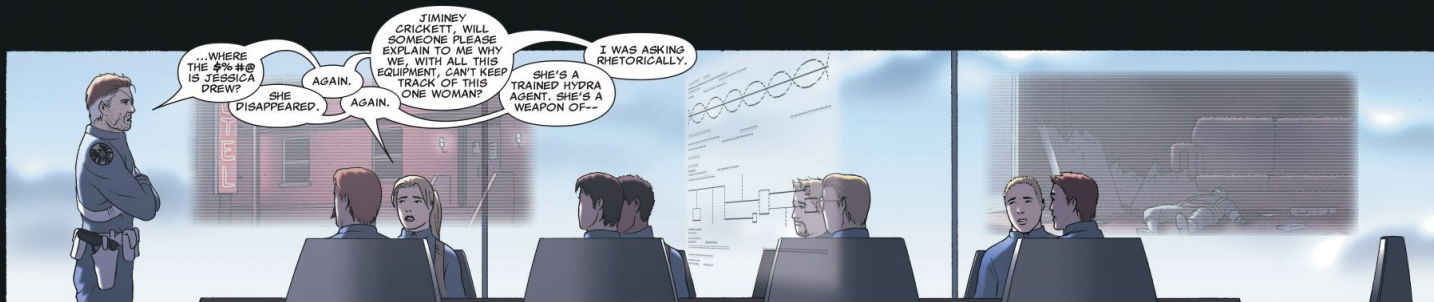








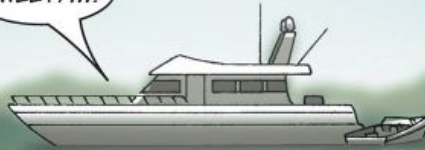






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OTTO,  
SWEETY...?



I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE GETTING  
THE CHAMPAGNE?

WHERE  
ARE YOU?? MY  
LIPS ARE--



--LONELY?

IS THAT  
HER?

WHAT  
GIVES, BABY  
DOLL?



I CAN'T  
TELL, IT WAS  
DARK.

UH, IS  
THERE A  
COSTUME  
PARTY?

TEE  
HEE.

JESSICA,  
DARLING, THESE  
MEN ARE ASSOCIATES  
OF MINE AND THEY  
SEEM TO THINK THAT OUR  
RECENT MEETING IS MORE  
THAN THE COINCIDENCE  
YOU WOULD HAVE  
ME BELIEVE.



UH,  
WHAT?



WOULD AN  
AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.  
STOOP SO LOW AS TO  
ACTUALLY SLEEP WITH  
SOMEONE LIKE ME JUST  
TO GET CLOSE TO  
INFORMATION?

COULD THAT  
POSSIBLY BE TRUE?  
THAT A WOMAN WOULD  
THINK SO LITTLE  
OF HERSELF?







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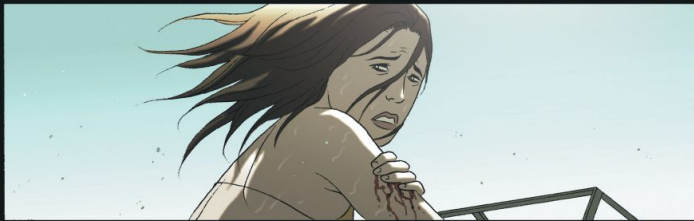






UUUUUUUUZZZZZZZZZZ







It all started with the  
simple observation...



Arthropods, in forms ranging  
from insect to arachnid and  
crustacean, have lived on this  
Earth since before Man was  
biologically possible.

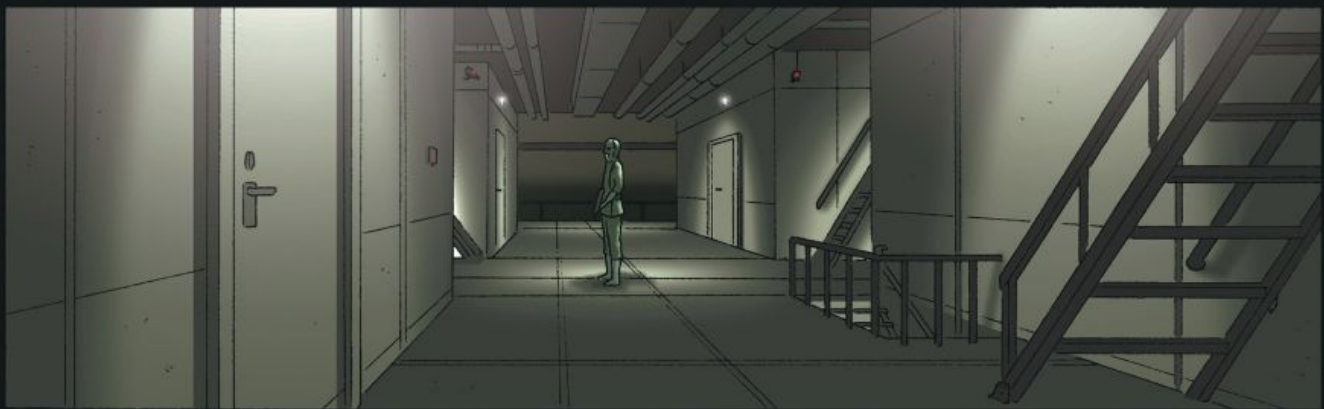
And they will remain here  
long after the memory of  
our brief reign has faded.

Arachnids account for  
over thirty-five  
thousand species of  
arthropod.





With each passing day, we come closer and closer to our goals of harnessing the arachnid's innate environmental adaptability and intentionally grafting it onto the human genome.



MADAME HYDRA IS ON HER WAY HERE.

AND I HEAR SHE'S IN A REAL MOOD.

WELL, DUH.





This project began twenty years ago.

An accident...a fortuitous malfunction of machinery gave us evidence that this plan could work.

KLANG  
KLANG  
KLANG

WHAT!?!?

SCREEEEEEEEEE



SIR,  
MADAME HYDRA  
NEEDS TO SPEAK  
TO YOU IN THE  
ATHENA LAB.



I'LL  
BE DOWN IN A  
MOMENT.

SCREEEEEEEEEE

The real breakthrough  
came when we moved the  
project to the oil rig  
platform.

We're close enough  
to the mainland that  
we can acquire new  
specimens with ease,  
but we're far enough  
away that interruptions  
are few and far between.



ZDAK!



HELLO?



Athena is nearly  
operational.

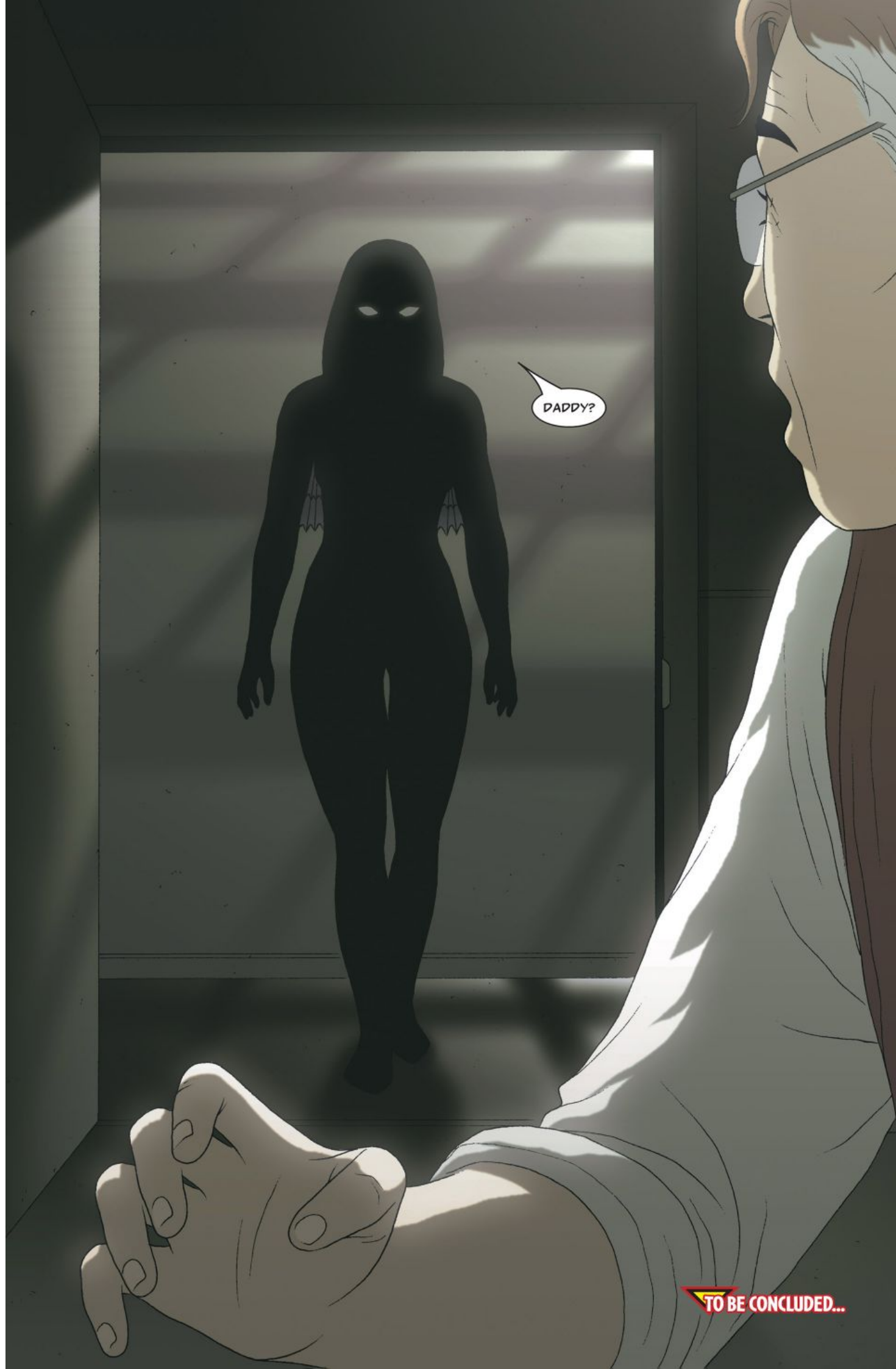
We have lost several  
promising specimens,  
but I believe we are close  
to solving the device's  
tuning issues and--

SCREEEEEEEEEE



I SAID,  
I'LL BE  
RIGHT--





DADDY?

**TO BE CONCLUDED...**